

Appl. No. 10/748,191
Amendment dated: March 28, 2005
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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to more particularly define the invention taking into consideration the outstanding Official Action. Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have added new claim 21 which has been rewritten from claim 1 and is directed to the allowable elected species which is free of any prior art rejection. This claim is fully supported by the specification as originally filed. The specific species set forth in the Official Action is specifically claimed in Claim 21. Applicants most respectfully submit that all the claims now present in the application are in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112 and are clearly patentable over the references of record.

Claims 1 and 11 are objected to for formalities. However, all of the claims have been canceled from the application without prejudice or disclaimer thereby obviating the objection to these claims. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of claim 1. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bryans et al. has been carefully considered but is most respectfully traversed in view of the cancellation of these claims. Accordingly, it is most respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

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In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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